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1. The directive for [REDACTED] has been concurred in and approved by Headquarters and is being despatched to you under No. WAGB-1/98. This document is sensitive here since as the life expectancy of the present vehicle becomes more indefinite, support of the project budget becomes more difficult. In order to have full and complete information to support appropriations and expenditures, the system set forth in the directive will furnish the current information needed.

2. It is recognized that the directive could well be misinterpreted at [REDACTED] and it is therefore important that the objectives of the directive, as well as the specific contents, be discussed in their full and proper context with key [REDACTED] personnel at the time you meet with them to work out the reporting procedures to be established. You should indicate to key [REDACTED] personnel that the Director and Headquarters continue to have full and complete confidence in the high competence as well as the dedication of all [REDACTED] personnel. You should also indicate that the directive contemplates no drastic or sudden change in relationships but rather a more realistic delegation of responsibility to the test site commander. As stated previously, Commander, [REDACTED] is not expected to overrule on technical judgments, but any divergence of opinion, plus reasons therefore, should be reported to Headquarters.

3. Again Headquarters reiterates its complete confidence in the [REDACTED] group and the subject directive is simply intended to place upon [REDACTED] the responsibilities which appropriately belong there and which are better performed at [REDACTED] than at Headquarters, and to relieve Headquarters of day-to-day decisions regarding operations and testing. Should Commander, [REDACTED], become aware of any areas of friction, Headquarters desires to be informed of the substance and circumstances thereof, as well as proposed recommendations.

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